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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Max Aebi <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.	7179
Serial No.	09/879,911	Art Unit:	3731
Filed:	June 14, 2001	Examiner:	Reip, David Owen
For:	SPINAL DISC SPACE DISTRACTOR	Attorney Docket:	008932-471-999

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated October 1, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the above-captioned application.

No fee is believed due with this submission, however, should a fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.